# IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

TEXAS TRIBUNE, MANO AMIGA, and CALDWELL/HAYS EXAMINER, Plaintiffs, v. CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS, TREY Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-910 HICKS, in his official capacity as Caldwell § § County Court at Law Judge and Caldwell County Magistrate, § § MATT KIELY, SHANNA CONLEY, ANITA DELEON, and YVETTE MIRELES, § § § § in their official capacities as Caldwell County Justices of the Peace and Caldwell County Magistrates, and MIKE LANE, in his official capacity as the Sheriff of Caldwell County, Defendants.

#### **JOINT STATUS REPORT**

In accordance with the Docket Text Order dated February 14. 2025, Plaintiffs Texas Tribune, Mano Amiga and Caldwell/Hays Examiner and Defendants Caldwell County, Texas, the Honorable Trey Hicks, in his official capacity as Caldwell County Court at Law Judge and Caldwell County Magistrate, the Honorable Matty Kiely, the Honorable Shanna Conley, the Honorable Anita DeLeon, and the Honorable Yvette Mireles, in their official capacities as Caldwell County Justices of the Peace and Caldwell County Magistrates, and the Honorable Mike Lane, in his official capacity as the Sheriff of Caldwell County, (hereinafter "Parties") file this joint status report apprising the Court of the status of potential resolution.

The Parties have diligently continued settlement negotiations and continue to work to finalize details towards a possible resolution of this matter. The Parties respectfully request that

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the Court permit the Parties to continue negotiations and necessary discussions between undersigned counsel and their respective clients.

If the Parties are unable to reach a settlement, they may seek a further brief extension of the deadlines set forth in the amended scheduling order and the Court will be notified immediately.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Court permit them to continue settlement negotiations and provide a Status Report by March 21, 2025.

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